from which it is being maintained and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there are 20 JE (Civil) and 24 AE (Civil) belonging to SC/ST eligible for promotion from JE to AE and AE to Executive Engineer at present; if so, whether their cases would be considered for promotion to fill up the backlog vacancies of reserved quota;

(c) whether 27 AEs of General category have promoted to E.E. cadre even after imposing stay by court in this connection;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the persons belonging to SC/ST promoted amongst these 27 Executive Engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes Sir. 40 point roster is being maintained in the DDA main since 1-1-1978. The information in respect of Slum Wing of DDA is being collected.

(b) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Completion of Managalor-Ankola section of Konkan Railway project

799. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mangalore-Ankola Section of Konkan Railway project, which is under construction, would be completed in 1993-94;

(b) if so, whether there is a demand from Karnataka Government to construct new broad-gauge line from Ankola to Hubli and convert Hubli Hospect from M.G. to B.G.; and

(c) whether there is also an offer from the State Government for its contribution if both are taken up as part of Konkan Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) As the first phase of the Konkan Railway Project, the section between Mangalore and Udupi is expected to be completed by June, 1992. The portion between Udupi and Ankola is targetted along with the remaining part of the Project, for completion in October, 1994.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Connecting of Ganga and Cauvery Rivers by Canal

800. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to connect Ganga and Cauvery rivers by canal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The proposal for linking of Ganga and Cauvery has been examined by Government in the past and has been found to be financially prohibitive as large blocks of power will be required for lifting water.

Foodgrains distribution under integrated Tribal Development Project

801. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total off take of foodgrains under the Integrated Tribal Development Project during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no proper distribution of foodgrains to the beneficiaries in the Integrated Tribal Development areas as these